# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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Upgradation of Raipur Airport
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Chhattisgarh to declare Swami Vivekanand Airport at Raipur as an international airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said airport is likely to be developed as a world class airport?

## Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. Request for declaration of Swami Vivekananda Airport, Raipur as international airport has been received from the State Government of Chattisgarh. However, as per the draft Civil Aviation Policy formulated by the Government, it is proposed to promote the six metro airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad as international hubs to serve as the main access points for international travel to and from India, as this is essential for developing domestic civil aviation.

(c) : At Raipur Airport, the Airports Authority of India has undertaken extension of runway to 7500ft and construction of new apron in the year 2009 and construction of a new Integrated Terminal building with a capacity to handle 700 passengers including 200 international and 500 domestic passengers at a time in 2012.

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